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To whom it concerns,

I strongly disagree with the proposed final judgement in the Microsoft Antitrust trial. There are many anticompetitive practices that would be permitted to continue if this judgement is accepted.

A few of the concerns that I have are as follows.

APIs directly to the operating system and some critical middleware would not be given.

File formats could still remain hidden and proprietary.

The provisions still do not allow for competitors in the operating system field. For instance, competing operating systems could not be developed that would run microsoft applications.

I cannot say at this time that these are my only concerns, but in my brief initial scan of the proposal, these were a few of the main concerns that immediately grabbed my attention.

In conclusion, I feel that if this proposal were to be accepted, competition would see no significant improvement in the software market.

Thank you for hearing my Concerns,

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